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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR A RECOMMENDATION UNDER THE FC-243 PROCEDURE

(NOW DIB-625P) - INTERNATIONAL MOVING CO.

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1. INTERNATIONAL MOVING CO. WAS FOUNDED IN 1923 BY ORPHEFS VEINOGLOU. LATE 1974 ORPHEFS MOSCHOPOULOS (27 YEARS OLD)-GEORGE PAPADIMITRIOU (30 YEARS OLD) & CO., RELATIVES OF VEINOGLOU, TOOK OVER THE BUSINESS AND ESTABLISHED SUBJECT GENERAL PARTNERSHIP AT 302 SYNGROU AVENUE, ATHENS, MAINTAINING BRANCH IN PIRAEUS (21-23 GOUNARI STREET). PAPADIMITRIOU STATES THEY ARE FREIGHT FORWARDERS AND TRANSFER MERCHANDISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, OCCASIONALLY TO EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON CLIENTS REQUIREMENT. COMPANY DOES NOT OPERATE AS IMPORTER. UNDERTAKES TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF OF MANY FIRMS INCLUDING AMPEX, GENERAL ELECTRIC, WESTINGHOUSE. HAS BEEN COOPERATING WITH EMBASSY'S SHIPPING & CUSTOMS UNIT WHICH INDICATES SUBJECT IS KNOWN TO BE RELIABLE AND HONEST.

2. OUT OF FIVE LOCAL BANKS CONSULTED ONLY ONE PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION: "ALL MEMBEERS CONSIDERED TO BE OF GOOD MORAL STANDING AND MEET FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS PROMPTLY. EMPLOYS 12 EMPLOYEES AND 13 TECHNNICIANS AND DURING 14 MONTHS OF OPERATION (END OF 1974-1975) HAD A TURNOVER OF 8.5 MILLION DRS. CAPITAL ESTIMATED AT UNCLASSIFIED

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300,000 DRS; NETWORTH, 1,300,000 DRS. " ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE OF INFORMATION, VEINOGLOU HAS HAD TRANSACTIONS WITH EAST BLOC COUNTRIES REGARDING COMMODITY INSPECTION, SAMPLING, WEIGHING, ETC.

3. REFTEL INDICATES FIRM COULD BE ACTIN AS IMPORTER AND RESELDER. ACCORDING TO PAPADIMITRIOU THIS IS INACCURATE.

FIRM ACTS AS FREIGHT FORWARDERS ONLY. EMBASSY WILL
WITHHOLD RECOMMENDATION PENDING YOUR CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT.
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